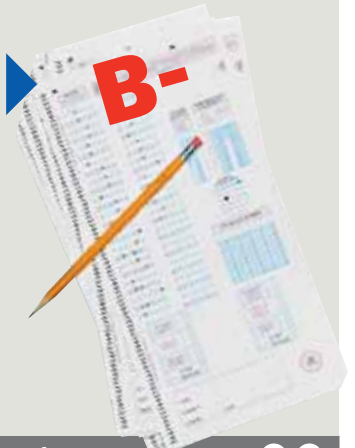


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Few show for byelection

DISTRICT 6

**Just under 20%
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Out of almost 20,000 eligible voters in District 6, only about 3,200 turned out to the polls to elect a new councillor for Harbourview-Burnside-Dartmouth East on Saturday.

According to the unofficial election results, Tony Mancini won the seat on council with 1,475 votes, just 276 more than the runner-up, Matt Spurway. Mancini drew about 45 per cent of the 3,271 votes cast.

With 19,238 people eligible to vote in the 2012 municipal election, that means only about 17 per cent of eligible voters in the district flexed their democratic muscle on Saturday.

"Those numbers are very disappointing," Mancini said.

Mancini attributed those numbers to winter, voter fatigue from the federal election in October, and the "transient" nature of North Dartmouth, but said none of those are excuses.

"I think it's a work in progress and we have to focus on that, not just two months prior to an election, but all year long," he said.

Voter turnout for byelections is typically lower than for general elections, though during the last byelection in the district in 2009, about 35 per cent of eligible voters in District 6 marked a ballot — the same as the 2012 general election.

Spurway attributes that difference to a change in telephone and e-voting. He said in past elections, the window for telephone and e-voting extended to election day. This time, that window closed Thursday night — three days before election day.

That means people who thought they could go online or pick up the phone on Election Day find out they can't, and end up not casting a ballot at all.

Mancini said he hopes more people will turn out for October's municipal election. In the meantime, he has less than nine months to prove to people in the district that he deserves to keep his new seat in council chambers.

"The campaign probably doesn't stop, but it's different," he said. "I think citizens will be looking at this Tony Mancini guy and saying, 'OK, let's watch what he does for eight months.' And that's really another form of campaigning, but at the same time, I can focus on the job."

Mancini said his priorities on council will be improving Halifax Transit, especially in and out of Burnside, and cutting red tape for small businesses.



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Brew expert helping to craft 'booming' industry

SCIENCE

Halifax prof explores the microbiology of making beer

Andrew MacIntosh understands beer in ways few others can comprehend — on the microscopic level, in its broader historical sweep, and in its sensual appeal.

Though he's reluctant to use the term, he is on his way to becoming Nova Scotia's beer whisperer — part academic, part business mentor — using science to troubleshoot the challenges facing the province's "exploding" craft brewery industry.

The professor at Dalhousie University is an expert on fermentation, and is also studying to become a cicerone — the brewing equivalent of a wine expert.

MacIntosh is part of the new Canadian Institute of Fermentation Technology, established last summer to help grow the brewing, distilling and wine industries.

Supported by public and private funding, the institute offers scientific analysis of products using gear that no small business could afford. It also provides help with improving

methods of making wine, beer and spirits.

So far, much of MacIntosh's work has been focused on craft beer.

"This is a very exciting area because it is absolutely booming, not only in the quality of craft brewing but also in the selection," he says.

Inside a laboratory stuffed with high-tech equipment, MacIntosh uses a microscope to spy on the tiny yeast cells that convert sugar into alcohol and carbon dioxide — the magical microbiology behind fermentation.

With great precision, MacIntosh is using his skills to instruct craft brewers on how to adjust recipes and improve production.

However, much of what the institute does is top secret — for competitive reasons.

Among other things, MacIntosh and his colleagues are working on a new method for making sparkling wine. They are also trying to find a cost-effective means of measuring alcohol in distilled products, and shortening the lagering process.

As well, the labs have already been used to improve a Nova Scotia-made device called the Fizz Whiz, which gives craft brewers a high level of precision when adding carbonation.

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In the past decade, the number of craft breweries in the province has grown from less than 10 to more than 30.



It is absolutely booming, not only in the quality of craft brewing but also in the selection. Andrew MacIntosh



Prof. Andrew MacIntosh, a member of the Canadian Institute of Fermentation Technology at Dalhousie University, poses near a fermenter at the university. The institute is meant to help nurture Halifax's brewing, distilling and wine industries. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ A MAN OF MANY ALES

MacIntosh has sampled more than a few ales and lagers — for research purposes.

The most unusual beer to enter his lab was an Alexander Keith's pale ale that was recovered from an unopened bottle that had been sitting on the bottom of Halifax harbour for more than a century.

Once the ancient brew

was deemed safe, he took a sip from a test tube and discerned an "odd, meaty flavour," the acrid smell of a burnt barrel and some "tree fruit notes." He has tried other surprising brews, including a local ale infused with beets: "It wasn't as red as you might think, but it had a lot of earthy tones."

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POLICE

Homicide suspect released



Philip Croucher
Metro | Halifax

Halifax police have released a man they had arrested in the first homicide of 2016 without charges.

Frank John Lampe, 58, was found dead in the hallway of an apartment at 10 Harlington Cres. in Clayton Park last Thursday around 10:15 p.m.

Police arrested a 20-year-old man near a transit bus stop on Willett Street, and took him to hospital for treatment of life-threatening injuries.

In an update Saturday afternoon, police said the 20-year-old suspect was released from custody Friday night without charges.

"There's no change in our investigation," said Sgt. Kevin McNeil, when contacted Sunday afternoon and asked if the 20-year-old was still a suspect.

He said he could provide no other information.

Police have up until 24 hours from the time of an arrest to lay charges, or that person must be released.

A neighbour in the apartment building, who preferred not to be named, said they heard "a bunch of crashing and banging" just after 10 p.m. Thursday. They also said there was blood on the carpet outside the victim's apartment door, and a police officer wouldn't allow the resident to use the stairwell Friday morning.

Based on an autopsy conducted Friday afternoon by the Medical Examiner's Office, the 58-year-old Halifax man's death was ruled a homicide, a police release said.

At this point, police don't believe Lampe's death was random.

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LABOUR STRIKE

Chronicle Herald suspends 18 layoff notices: Union

The union representing striking newsroom employees at Canada's largest independent daily newspaper says the company has suspended 18 layoff notices that were sent out hours after the workers walked off the job.

Ingrid Bulmer, president of the Halifax Typographical Union, says a lawyer for the Halifax Chronicle Herald sent

them a text message saying layoff notices that were delivered Saturday morning have been suspended.

Bulmer says the union, which represents 61 editorial staff, has requested written confirmation from the company.

Nancy Cook, the Herald's vice-president of administration, did not immediately re-

turn a request for comment Sunday.

The work stoppage began at 12:01 a.m. Saturday after talks broke down earlier last week.

The Herald has said it wants to reduce wages, lengthen working hours, alter future pension benefits and lay off up to 18 workers to cope with economic challenges that have beset the

newspaper industry.

Workers donned toques and snow pants on the picket line Saturday as temperatures dipped to -15 C with the wind chill.

"I think it was orchestrated by the company to come to this. They certainly tried their best to get us to where we are right now. There was no nego-

tiation whatsoever," said union president Ingrid Bulmer.

The Herald's chief operating officer Ian Scott said concessions are never easy to swallow.

"We have tried to be as compassionate and caring as possible. But the economics of a news business today are excruciating," said Scott in a statement.

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Eric Wynne joined other union members Saturday. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



CUNARD CENTRE EVERYTHING TO DO WITH SEX SELLS A model shows off some lingerie at the Cunard Centre on Sunday, during an East Coast Fashion show at the Everything to Do With Sex Show. The annual show showcasing sex and sex products took place on the weekend. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Plans 'a collaborative process'

QUINPOOL DEVELOPMENT

Ideas including a community oven heard at public meeting



Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

Just a couple months after the shutdown of the Ben's Bakery location in Halifax, architects and planners are mapping out designs for what will take its place.

The smell of fresh-baked bread left Pepperell Street in November 2015 when Canada Bread Co. closed the location.

The site was bought by Westwood Developments.

The second public meeting regarding the former bakery property took place on Saturday, and dozens of Halifax-area residents showed up at the West End United Church.

"It's really refreshing to see the public coming out and really liking what we've done," said Kourosh Rad, an urban planner with WSP. "It's been a collaborative process."

Based on feedback from November, key aspects of a possible development were laid out: family-friendly, an open "green space" and mixed density architecture.

"Everybody has worked together very hard. The developer is accommodating to make sure what we're doing



The former home of Ben's Bakery. JEFF HARPER/METRO

here fits within the neighbourhood," said Rad.

Also during Saturday's meeting, The Berkeley retirement home was announced as a strategic partner in the development.

"When the Ben's property was

listed, I jumped on the phone very quickly," said Diane Campbell, The Berkeley's President and CEO. "One of the things we want to do for our residents is make sure they are in very close proximity to all kinds of services.



The final draft will be interesting with the proposal they put towards city council. That's what I'm anxious to see. Dan Laverigne, resident

What better place could we have than Pepperell street — a block away from Quinpool road?"

Along with the Berkeley building, architect Joe Zareski said they hope to make a variety of real estate available in the area.

"It's not all seniors, it's not all students, but actually a mixture of every age group," said Zareski. "The dynamic between demographics... allows the community to be more long-term — more sustainable."

The preliminary designs included town houses, apartments and retail spaces. Zareski even

has hopes that the open space might be home to the art installation currently near Ben's, or perhaps a "community pizza oven" to bring the smell of baking back to the air.

"It's very appropriate, I think, for this site, and it's a return of the sense of place I think people kind of miss."

Zareski said it's valuable to get feedback from the community since they are the ones who work and live in the area every day.

"Today's a really important day, and we're going to go back to our studios with great ideas."

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Ikea a 'natural fit' for city

FURNITURE

Expert not surprised to see chain return to area



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A business expert says a new Ikea store is a "boon" for the Halifax area.

Dan Shaw, lecturer of marketing and director of Dalhousie University's corporate residency MBA program, said Ikea's decision to set up shop here didn't surprise him.

"People looking for their first furniture, people who are price sensitive. We have seven universities," Shaw said in an interview. "That is why they are here. It is a natural fit. Their target market is here."

The popular Swedish furniture and accessories chain announced Friday that it will build a full-size, 328,000-square-foot store at Dartmouth Crossing.



Ikea Canada president Stefan Sjöstrand, left, and Mayor Mike Savage announce that a full-size Ikea store is coming to Dartmouth Crossing. PAUL DARROW/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In addition to the 350 retail jobs Ikea will create, Shaw said the construction project will be major and include leading edge environmental equipment not often used in local projects.

"I think it's going to be a boon for the local construction,

engineering and architectural markets," he said.

"And I think it's probably a signal that Halifax is doing some of the right things ... They had a very real opportunity to go to Moncton for this store and so it's a signal that Halifax

is doing well."

Shaw said now is the time for retailers who occupy Ikea's market space to start devising a game plan. "Anybody who is in the sort of value conscious, price sensitive retail space for furniture, the biggest player in

the world is coming to town and you better have your game set up," he said. "The good thing is you have 18 months notice."

Construction is set to start this summer and the retail giant hopes to open its doors within 14 to 16 months after that, likely in the fall of 2017.

The store will include a restaurant, market hall, showroom and SMÅLAND playroom as well as services like pick-up, home delivery, assembly, and planning.

Residents have lamented the lack of an Ikea store in the region since the retailer closed its Burnside location in 1988.

Their voices were heard.

"When I did meet with Stefan (Sjöstrand, president of Ikea Canada) before the holidays he told me he had received more calls and emails from the people of this city than anywhere else in Canada," Mayor Mike Savage said.

A bus route will bring shoppers to the Dartmouth store, and Sjöstrand said the site will also be accessible by bike so cyclists can use their preferred mode of transportation and order products for delivery.

CIVIL SERVICE

Reject deal, says union

The bargaining committee for Nova Scotia's unionized civil servants has shifted its stance and is recommending its members reject a tentative labour deal reached with the province last month.

The Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union said Friday it blames the Liberal government for its changed position.

Union president Joan Jes-some says the committee had consulted with civil servants in the 30,000-member local and heard they are unhappy with the deal because the province didn't allow the collective bargaining process to unfold.

The province introduced legislation in December that would impose a two-year wage freeze followed by a three per cent raise over the next two years.

The finance minister said in an emailed statement that the province has put forward the best deal possible given the province's fiscal problems.

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Andre Noel Denny leaves provincial court in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

Andre Denny to be sentenced this week

SUPREME COURT

Life in prison a possibility for killing gay activist in 2012

The man convicted of killing gay rights activist Raymond Taavel in 2012 is scheduled to be sentenced in Nova Scotia Supreme Court this week.

Andre Noel Denny was charged with second-degree murder, but pleaded guilty to manslaughter in November for beating Taavel to death in front of Menz Bar on Apr. 17, 2012.

Denny, who was diagnosed

with schizophrenia as a teenager, was a patient of the Nova Scotia Forensic Hospital at the time, and had left the hospital earlier that night without permission. An agreed statement of facts presented in court says Denny was psychotic and intoxicated by consuming alcohol and crack cocaine at the time of the beating.

Denny could face life in prison, though there is no minimum sentence for manslaughter.

The province apologized for its role in Taavel's death in December, which Taavel's partner, Darren Lewis called a "big step."

"This is actually coming

+ HEARING DATE

The sentencing hearing begins Monday at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax and is expected to last more than one day.

to some sort of closure, and I'm getting what I wanted," he said at the time.

Lewis said he was happy the case led to a review of hospital policies, and changes like more structure around leave passes, and a special section built on the grounds so smokers don't leave unescorted.

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CRIME

Dartmouth resident taken to hospital after violent robbery

Police say a man is in hospital after being beaten and stabbed inside a Dartmouth apartment.

Halifax Regional Police say the incident happened Friday around 7:20 p.m. in the 0 to 100 block of Lakefront Road.

According to a police release, several people forced their way into an apartment and assaulted and robbed the 20-year-old victim.

"One suspect brandished a baseball bat and another a knife, and the victim suffered a stab wound during the inci-

dent," a police release states.

The suspects fled but not before taking the victim's cell phone and other personal items.

The victim was taken to hospital with non-life

threatening injuries.

Police say a 17-year-old boy was arrested on Trinity Avenue in relation to the incident about an hour later but was later released.

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One suspect brandished a baseball bat and another a knife, and the victim suffered a stab wound during the incident.

Halifax Regional Police statement

AUTOPSY

Body identified as missing man

Police say the person found dead in a wooded area of Dartmouth earlier this month has been identified as a local missing man.

Gerald Gallant, 59, was last seen leaving the Dartmouth General Hospital on Oct. 28, 2015 at about 10 p.m. and was reported missing soon after. On Jan. 9 around 3:30 p.m.,

Halifax Regional Police responded to a report that a citizen had found a body in a wooded area of the 200 block of Pleasant Street.

Members of the Forensic Identification Section and integrated criminal investigation division attended the scene, along with the Medical Examiner's Office.

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Police said foul play is not suspected.

An autopsy was conducted and confirmed the identity of the man as Gallant.

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'We must stop and listen'

LA LOCHE

Leaders need to be heard to stop violence: Victim's family

The family of a teacher who was among four people killed in shootings in northern Saskatchewan says the country must listen to the community for the kind of change that is needed to prevent similar tragedies from happening again.

The family of Adam Woods said what happened in this tiny community gives the country an "opportunity to examine ourselves and hopefully, come out better and stronger as a community and a nation. We feel sadness and remorse but rarely do we use that to fuel change."

In a statement, the family says the leaders of the village need to be heard to prevent similar losses in the future.

"Rather than looking for someone to blame, or coming up with outsider opinions of reasons why this occurred,



Adam Woods CONTRIBUTED



Marie Janvier CONTRIBUTED



Dayne Fontaine CONTRIBUTED



Drayden Fontaine CONTRIBUTED

we must stop and listen to the voices of La Loche. The leaders and members of the community know what types of support and changes are needed. Our responsibility as a nation is to listen and respond to create lasting systemic change."

The archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas also made an appeal Sunday for the community to find hope for its young people at a service that he estimated 250 attended at the Church of Our Lady of the Visitation.

Archbishop Murray Chalmers met with the family Saturday night of a 17-year-old boy charged in the shootings to offer support in this "nightmare experience that they're going through and trying to offer them the support of the community."

"We're not blaming them. ... It's just, this has happened and now how do we bring healing and support and try to find ways for our young people to have more hope."

The 17-year-old boy, who

can't be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is charged with four counts of first-degree murder, seven counts of attempted murder and unauthorized possession of a firearm. He is scheduled to make his first appearance Monday in Meadow Lake provincial court.

Saskatchewan RCMP say that during an eight-minute period in the La Loche Community school on Friday afternoon, nine people were shot.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Premier seeks aid from U.S.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says his province is in touch with officials in the United States for help rebuilding after a school shooting.

Wall said the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Bruce Heyman, called him Friday after four people were killed at the school and in a nearby home in La Loche.

He noted that, "quite tragically, the United States has more experience."

"He offered that perhaps those communities where these types of events have occurred in the past in his country ... they might be able to provide some counsel, some support, some ideas around approaches for the days ahead."

Wall said he has asked his deputy minister to "canvass that option with our American friends to find out perhaps what has worked better maybe than some other things."

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+ THE VICTIMS

Adam Woods, 35, who began teaching at the school in September, and teacher's aide Marie Janvier, 21, died after they were shot at the school.

Brothers Drayden Fontaine, 13, and Dayne Fontaine, 17, were discovered by the RCMP in a home not far away.

SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

Right to vote a clever campaign

It was the kind of savvy political strategy that politicians and lobbyists attempt to craft today: Stitch together a coalition of supporters from diverse communities, secure financial backers, mount a successful ad campaign, and earn some positive media coverage.

A group of women in Manitoba used it to win the right to vote a century ago.

The province was the first place in Canada to bring in women's suffrage, on Jan. 28, 1916. That triggered a wave of changes — first in Western Canada and finally at the federal level in 1919. Indigenous people, it should be noted, did not get the vote federally until 1960.

Members of the Political Equality League helped recruit and rally those disparate voices with speeches, meetings and articles in the papers. They had paid organizers, and launched a major publicity blitz at the Winnipeg Stampede in 1913.

Social media and viral videos didn't exist, of course, but in 1914 the women created major buzz with a provocative play at the Walker Theatre in Winnipeg. Their mock Parliament parodied the intransigence of Manitoba Premier Rodmond Roblin, and imagined a parallel world where women were in power.

Roblin's government fell the following year amid scan-



Fiona Bak views documents related to the passing of a 1916 amendment to the Manitoba Elections Act.

JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

dal, and the new Liberal government finally extended the vote to women in 1916.

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GOVERNMENT

Feds to repeal section of Bill C-59



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Repealing anti-union legislation brought in by the former Conservative government will be one of the Liberal government's "first orders of business," according to a senior Treasury Board official.

The commitment to repeal the section of Bill C-59 is a sign

of improved labour relations between the federal government and public sector unions with both sides soon returning to the bargaining table, one union head says.

"This government remains committed to bargaining in good faith with Canada's federal public sector," Carl Trotter, an associate assistant deputy minister at Treasury Board, said in a Jan. 21 email to public service unions.

Section 20 of the law, which

the then-Conservative government enacted last June, gives the federal government the power to bypass collective bargaining and unilaterally impose a new disability and sick leave regime.

Public sector unions decried the move as unconstitutional and launched a court challenge.

The Liberals had committed to bargaining in good faith with public sector unions, but had not specifically committed to repealing Section 20.

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1 People dig out their cars in Alexandria, Va., on Sunday. Millions of Americans were preparing to dig themselves out Sunday after a mammoth blizzard with hurricane-force winds and record-setting snowfall brought much of the East Coast to an icy standstill. CLIFF OWEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Children slide in the snow in Central Park on Sunday in New York. FRANCOIS XAVIER MARIT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

3 Charlie Katshir, 15, sleds in Siebert Park in Camp Hill, Pa., on Saturday. MARK PYNES/PENNLIVE.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blizzard breaks snowfall records

UNITED STATES

Single-day highs set across east coast amid hurricane winds

Millions of Americans began digging out Sunday from a mammoth blizzard that set a new single-day snowfall record in Washington and New York City. The hurricane-force winds and whiteout conditions gave way to blinding sunshine and temperatures slightly above freezing, promising a gentle thawing-out.

The timing could not have been better for East Coast states: The heaviest snow began falling Friday evening, and tapered off just before midnight Saturday. Millions heeded calls to stay home, enabling road crews to clear snow and ice.

New York and Baltimore began lifting travel restrictions on snow-choked streets, while mass transit systems up and down

the coast gradually restored normal service.

The air travel picture remained complicated after 7,000 weekend flights were cancelled: United Airlines said limited service might begin later Sunday in New York City, but airports in the Washington D.C. area were likely to remain closed Sunday, and other airlines began cutting Monday service.

The massive snowstorm brought both Washington, D.C., and New York to a stop, dumping as much as 90 centimetres of snow and stranding tens of thousands of travellers. At least 18 deaths were blamed on the weather, resulting from car crashes, shovelling snow and hypothermia.

In New York, the storm dropped 68.1 centimetres in Central Park, the second-most recorded since 1869 and just short of the record 68.3 centimetres set in February 2006. The 67.6 centimetres that fell on Sat-

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The heaviest reported snowfall was 107 centimetres in Glengary, West Virginia.

urday, however, was the city's record for a single day. At Washington's National Zoo, 56.9 centimetres fell, beating the 53.3 centimetres that fell on Jan. 28, 1922.

The storm dropped snow from the Gulf Coast to the north-eastern New England

states, with areas of Washington surpassing 75 centimetres. The heaviest official report was 107 centimetres, in Glengary, W. Va.

Travel conditions were improving from the dangerously snowy, icy roads that led to crashes that killed several people Friday and Saturday.

An Ohio teenager sledding behind an all-terrain vehicle was hit by a truck and killed, and two people died of hypothermia in southwest Virginia. In North Carolina, a man whose car had veered off an icy-covered road was arrested on charges of killing one of three men who stopped to help.

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POLITICS

Trump welcomes senator, bashes Beck's support of Cruz

Donald Trump is so confident about the loyalty of his supporters that he predicted Saturday they would stick with him even if he shot someone.

The Republican presidential front-runner bashed conservative commentator Glenn Beck's support of rival Ted Cruz

and welcomed a figure from the GOP establishment, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, in rallies nine days before the Iowa caucuses open voting in the 2016 campaign.

"I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't

lose any voters, OK?" Trump told an enthusiastic audience at a Christian school, Dordt College. "It's like incredible."

Beck campaigned for Ted Cruz and held little back in going



Donald Trump
GETTY IMAGES

after Trump. "The time for silliness and reality show tactics has passed," Beck charged at a Cruz rally.

Days after Trump was endorsed by tea party favourite Sarah

Palin, Cruz flashed his own conservative muscle during a rally in Ankeny, Iowa. Rep. Steve King, an Iowa Republican and conservative firebrand, and Iowa social conservative leader Bob Vander Plaats encouraged local Republicans to unite behind Cruz. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EGYPT

Eight face hearing after botched repair on Tut mask

King Tut has been dead for thousands of years, but his power remains. After a botched repair of his burial mask, prosecutors ordered eight workers to court for "gross negligence."

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EUROPE

Sealing Greek sea borders difficult

In the inky nighttime blackness, a small red dot appears on the radar screen, moving fast.

"That's a smuggler," the captain of the coast guard's lifeboat says, swinging the vessel around and opening up the throttle.

But the lifeboat, designed for search-and-rescue operations rather than high-speed chases, is no match for the smuggler's speedboat. The smuggler ignores the searchlight, the shouts and the warning shots fired by the Greek coast guard, deftly navigating his small white vessel onto a tiny patch of beach among rocks.

Although smugglers are often arrested, the task is mainly a search-and-rescue role. Hours spent on patrol shows the near-impossibility of sealing Europe's sea borders as some have demanded of Greece, whose islands so near to Turkey are the most popular gateway into Europe.



An elderly woman lies on the dock as she waits to be transferred to the island of Papas, near Chios island, after arriving with other migrants from Turkey. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some European countries — notably Hungary and Slovakia — have blasted Greece for being unable to secure its border.

"Greece is guarding the national and European borders," said Greek Alternate Foreign Minister

Nikos Xydakis. "What it cannot do and will not do ... is to sink boats and drown women and children, because international and European treaties and the values of our culture forbid it."

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Impact of low loonie

All sectors don't feel pinch



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

The Canadian dollar is hovering around 70 cents against the U.S. dollar after reaching a 13-year low last week. Such a low loonie has economists sounding the alarm about declining business and consumer

confidence.

While the effects of the low dollar are complex and affecting many different parts of the Canadian economy, different regions of the country will be impacted differently.

Here, we take a look at the effects of the low loonie on cities from coast-to coast in different economic sectors.



PRICE OF FOOD

Canadians are already feeling the effects of the faltering loonie at the grocery store. According to researchers at the University of Guelph, the sudden currency drop in 2015 led to fruits, vegetables and nuts increasing in price by up to 10 per cent. This year, that could increase by another 4.5 per cent. For example, cauliflower prices have tripled, with a head now selling for about \$8 in some Toronto stores. That means the average household will spend \$345 more this year than last year for the same food, researchers say.

MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS

Conventional wisdom is that a lower Canadian dollar is better for companies that export a lot of their products to the U.S. In Ontario, where manufacturing was particularly hard-hit during the recession, manufacturing sales are up by 21 per cent over that period, excluding petroleum refining. In Nova Scotia, lobster exports — worth \$385 million annually — will also see a boost. The lower dollar can also make Canada more attractive for foreign investment.



JOBS

In certain areas, the low dollar helps employment. Cities with strong film and television industries, such as Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, are disproportionately benefitting compared to cities such as Winnipeg and Edmonton where that sector is less prominent. Provinces with a strong agriculture sector, such as Manitoba, and B.C., are doing well. That's due to more exports south of the border and low commodity prices. But other sectors, such as manufacturing, are slower to react.



TOURISM

The low dollar may have some Canadian families reconsidering that trip to Florida they were hoping to take this winter. But it's good news for popular Canadian tourism destinations. American tourists enticed at the possibility of a cheap vacation have more reason to travel north of the border. Whistler, B.C. had its busiest November ever in terms of nights booked, up 10 per cent from a year ago, said Tourism Whistler spokeswoman Patricia Westerholm. The pace of booking heading into the holiday period outperformed the last two years. Anecdotal, businesses are seeing an increase in the number of American visitors to the resort, she said.

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THE BIG QUESTION

Could Donald Trump really become the U.S. president?

If you're a betting person, you probably shouldn't put your money on him. Real-estate and reality-TV magnate Donald Trump is estimated to have 45 per cent odds of winning the Republican Party nomination on the website Predictwise, which analyzes "prediction markets" — basically, people who are betting on the outcomes of real-life events, whether it's the winner of Wimbledon or the future occupant of the White House. Such markets, research shows, tend to be more accurate than opinion polls at guessing election results. So the possibility of the brash (and, some say, bigoted) Trump winning the nomination is very real: The next most popular candidate, Marco Rubio, is a distant second at 31 per cent. Ted Cruz is trailing at just 11. However, if Trump ends up in November's general election, it's likely himself he'll be calling a loser. Gamblers have placed just 16 per cent odds on a Trump takeover of the Oval Office.

How to get the N.S. film industry rolling again

HALIFAX MATTERS

Stephen Kimber



"The math is simple," explained the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in a Jan. 8 editorial about that state's film tax credit.

Pennsylvania is currently in the middle of a messy budget kerfuffle. The big picture is beyond the scope of this column. But it's worth noting that when Gov. Tom Wolf approved an emergency \$23-billion cash infusion earlier this month

Perhaps Nova Scotia's economy is doing so well, we don't need a thriving film industry.

to restore "essential services," one of those essential services was the state's film tax credit.

"The credits," the editorial continued in what should be bedtime reading for Nova Scotia finance department bureaucrats, "are the deciding factor for an overwhelming number of productions to choose Pennsylvania over other locations."

"The crews spend loads of money locally" — check for Nova Scotia film crews too — "generating more income" — check — "and (more) tax revenue than the tax credits cost." Check, check.

"More work builds a local industry of technicians. The multiplier effect fills hotel rooms and restaurants and fuels catering operations. The national buzz when, say, star Jake Gyllenhaal declares his adoration for

Pittsburgh after filming here is gravy." Yes, yes and yes!

After Wolf reinstated the tax credit, the director of Pittsburgh's film office exulted, "We're set up to have one of the best years we've had..."

Uh... Let us compare. Pennsylvania's governor was concerned enough about his film industry to include funding for it in his emergency allocation.

Premier Stephen McNeil, on other hand, eliminated Nova Scotia's film tax credit in last spring's budget. Its replacement — the Nova Scotia Film and Television Incentive Fund — has been an abysmal failure. The industry reports 82 per cent fewer film jobs in the last quarter of last year compared to 2014. And it predicts even worse to come.

McNeil's response? In De-

cember, he shrugged that the industry he decimated was in "a transition," so "We're moving on."

Perhaps Nova Scotia's economy is doing so well, we don't need a thriving film industry.

While Pittsburgh gears up for one its best film years, iconic Nova Scotia film companies — Filmworks, Special Effects Atlantic, Arcadia Entertainment — have announced they are either folding, or are considering packing it in, or are packing up their gear and relocating to where the work and the welcome are.

Which is to say, almost anywhere but here.

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There are reasons the Oscars are #sowhite. Let's fix one of them.



Deena Douara Karim
Metro | Toronto

When I was a teacher, I wrote an assignment that examined social justice through probability. It was called Is It Fishy or No? "A student complains a teacher is unfair because she always calls on girls. Seven girls and three boys keep their hands up. Of 100 questions, the teacher called on girls 73 times. Is it fishy?"

I could have used #OscarsSoWhite, examining the racial disparity in nominations that's prompted calls to boycott. Of the major categories, 41 nominees were white, one was Asian and one was Latino.

While the focus has been on black underrepresentation (13 per cent of the American population), missing too are Latinos (17), Asians (six) and Arabs (one). We're all in the room, but how many have their hands up (apply, audition, send scripts) and don't get called on by the industry?

From a probability stance, it's not clear there were enough flawless films made by, about or starring non-whites to establish fishiness, nor to determine the past two years amount to a Hollywood trend (especially since the Golden Globes did include Straight Outta Compton, Will Smith and Idris Elba).

The useful question is not if the academy is racist, but whether it matters that most nominees are white, and if so, how does that get addressed?

First, it does matter. Minorities have different stories to tell. Different sensibilities

and styles, perhaps. Different inspiration and youth to inspire. Stereotypes to belie and shatter.

As UCLA's Buncche Center phrased it: "When media images are rooted primarily in stereotype, inequality is normalized and is more likely to be reinforced over time."

There are institutional barriers preventing people of colour from success in media, but one that's rarely discussed is self-imposed. The odds are already against non-whites. Maybe we should reconsider our values and priorities.

There are some commonalities across the immigrant experience, but I know Arab and South Asian communities best. We value physicians, engineers, pharmacists and accountants — in that order and above all else. Professions of respect, but not influence; careers that are invisible in a time when we need to have our hands up.

If our stories aren't told, we need to write them. Communities unhappy with what is reflected back when we tune in, pay up and vote should be encouraging, admiring and granting scholarships for paths that are riskier, less cushy, but far more visible. Journalism and production. Filmmaking and screenwriting. We need to be in and around politics — where there are far too few minorities.

What images do we have to compete with Osama bin Laden's disheveled beard?

In a class of 10, if seven girls have their hands up and three boys do, how can we get the rest of the boys to wake up?

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Maximize your investment

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You need to take advantage of all options available

Michelle Williams

If you're making RSP contributions, you'll have to make some decisions about where to invest. Here's a quick look at the most common investments and how risky they are:

Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs)

This is the most conservative way to invest.

"These certificates are issued by banks and trust companies, offering a secured rate of return over a fixed period of time," says Kathleen Peace, partner and wealth advisor at Woodgate Financial. "It's a secure investment that guarantees 100 per cent of the original principal that you invest."

The investment earns interest at a fixed or variable rate that is generally higher than savings-account rates, with a limited guarantee of up to \$100,000 per GIC provided by Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC). However, the rate of return compared to other investment securities is relatively low.

Bonds

Less conservative than GICs



When it comes to investing, a diverse portfolio helps reduce your risk. ISTOCK

but generally not as risky as stocks (with the exception of high-yield or junk bonds).

"A bond is a debt investment: you loan money to a corporation or government, which borrows from you for a defined period of time. You earn interest at a variable or fixed interest rate, essentially becoming a creditor of the bond issuer," explains Peace.

Like GICs, the risk can be lower compared to some other investments vehicles, but so is the return.

Stocks

Typically riskier than bonds or GICs. Also known as shares or equities, stocks are parcels of a company that you can invest in.

"As an owner, you have a

claim on assets and earnings, but you're also at risk of losing money when stocks go down," says Peace.

Some stocks are naturally riskier than others. However, the rate of return can be higher than other investments.

Mutual Funds

Pools of securities like stocks

or bonds within a sector, such as real estate or mining. They can also be diversified across all industry sectors, countries and types of securities.

The risk factor and rate of return would vary depending on the fund, explains Peace. An investor might choose a mutual fund for a more diverse portfolio.

+ WHY DIVERSIFY?

The logic is simple: don't keep all your eggs in one basket.

Investments can react differently to market, global, regional or industry upheaval; one investment can rise while another can fall. A diverse portfolio reduces your risk by helping to keep the overall value of your holdings in balance.

"Consider a portfolio made up solely of hospitality-industry stocks," says wealth advisor Kathleen Peace. "If global growth slows and people don't have enough money for travel, hospitality-industry earnings may suffer. As a consequence, your portfolio could experience a significant downturn and you could lose money. By comparison, imagine a portfolio holding both hospitality and digital-media stocks. The digital-media stocks may outperform during the same global downturn as people increasingly use technology and digital entertainment as a substitute for travel."

Diversifying doesn't guarantee against loss, she adds, but it goes a long way toward minimizing your risk.

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Over the next three months, **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** will help a recent grad drowning in debt and a charitable young professional to balance their budget, pay down loans and save for their future

Make a strategy for saving



THE CHALLENGE: Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie has 11 weeks remaining to transform the finances of two recent graduates — Annick, 24, and Yolanda, 27 — by helping them get out of debt, save money and track their spending. This week we'll focus on Yolanda.

THIS WEEK: A web communications specialist, Yolanda makes \$42,000 per year and spends \$750 a month on rent. Her goals are to save a \$25,000 down payment for a condo purchase in three years, grow her retirement savings and go on a trip each year.

NEXT WEEK: Annick owes money on her credit cards, to her family, and the government for her student loans. Who should she pay off first?



Yolanda has traded in a higher paycheck for a job that she's passionate about with a national charity that helps children in developing countries. She's learned to live within her means, but we've recently discovered she's a binge saver. Yolanda contributes regularly to her RRSP and TFSA, and then in moments of weakness, drains the accounts for clothes, travel and entertainment.

In our money coaching session last week, Yolanda learned that every time she withdraws from her RRSP before retirement, she loses the contribution room permanently and pays a withholding tax to the government — ouch!

Her TFSA withdrawals are less of a problem because she can retain her contribution room and doesn't pay taxes when she withdraws her money.

In both cases, however, dipping into her RRSP or TFSA accounts prematurely means Yolanda won't capitalize on each account's tax advantages and she won't grow her down payment and retirement savings.

THE LESSON: Yolanda is using her RRSP and TFSA like a bank account rather than for long-term savings.

Yolanda has the right idea, which is to save through regular monthly contributions to her RRSP and TFSA, but she's over contributing and not leaving enough cash in her chequing account to pay for day-to-day expenses. So when something like a wedding creeps up, she's forced to liquidate her

\$ MONEY

A surprise

After closer examination of Yolanda's finances, we learned that her defined contribution pension is worth three times what she'd originally thought thanks to her employer matching her contributions to the plan.

Assets

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Pension	\$3,850
Total Assets:	\$4,800

Liabilities

Visa	\$0
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Total Liabilities:	\$0

Net Worth: \$4,800

RRSP and TFSA to pay for a gift.

Yolanda needs to contribute less to her RRSP and TFSA to free up monthly cash flow for regular expenses. She will drop her RRSP contribution to \$150 from \$200 and TFSA contribution to \$250 from \$350. This action will free up \$150 per month. Yolanda will transfer \$50 of that money into a savings account for smaller one-off purchases.

This plan ensures Yolanda uses the right accounts for her short-term spending and long-term saving.

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BUDGETS

Set goals and take control of your life

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada



With a new year in front of you, you can keep doing what you've always done. But then you shouldn't expect a different outcome. Or you can set some goals and do something different.

If you don't know what you want, if you don't lay a plan for getting from one point in your life to another, you're just wandering in the woods blindfolded. You're probably going to tumble

down a steep slope, trip over some roots, or fall in a hole. You will get hurt. Wouldn't it just be easier to take off the blindfold?

You must be clear about what you want. If you want to buy a home, what kind do you want? Where do you want to buy? And how much are you prepared to go into the hole?

Know that you'll move at a different pace for goals depending on what else is going on in your life. What's most important is to keep moving forward. If you've got kids don't ignore the educational savings plan. Putting just

a little away each month moves you towards the goal. Ditto saving for retirement and building an emergency fund. If you want to get your debt paid off you need to make a plan to get it gone by a specific date.

Let's say you decided to take 36 months to get out of debt. Out of nowhere comes a windstorm and half the shingles blow off your roof. Hey, that's life. You have to be prepared to adjust your plan as life happens, keeping your goals front and centre. So you fix the roof and then you get right back on the

debt-repayment plan.

You can work towards more than one goal at a time. But you need to be prioritizing as you go. No, you can't buy a house, have a baby and go back to school all at the same time. What's your Goal No. 1?

Don't expect the journey to where you're going to always be a smooth one. Life happens, and you have to be flexible enough to cope.

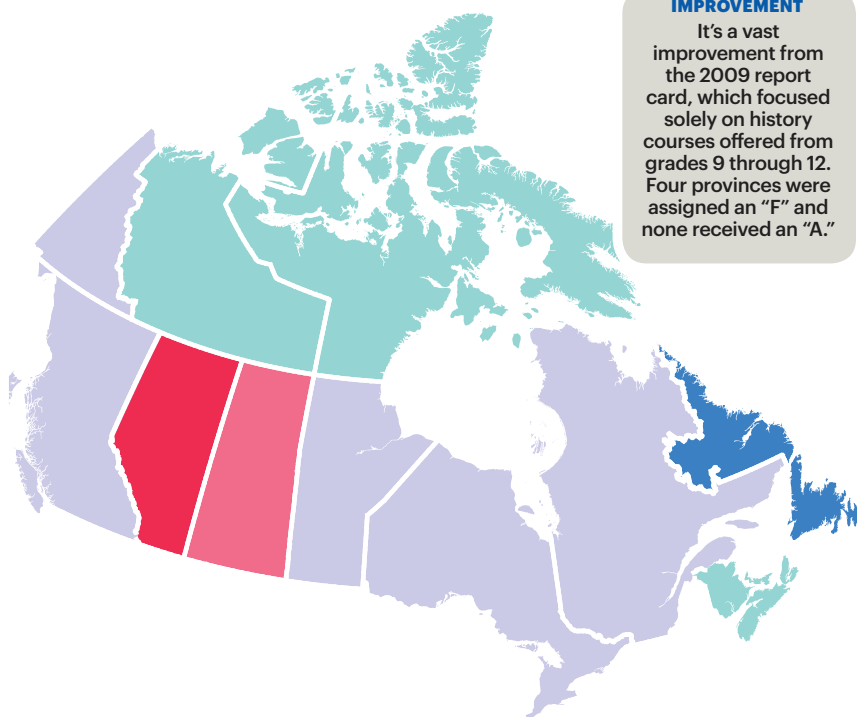
Determination is what separates those who are serious about achieving their goals from those who are just dreaming.



Your goals need to be specific. If you want to buy a home, what kind of home do you want? If you have kids, how much will you have to save for their education? ISTOCK

REPORT CARD WHICH PROVINCES GOT TOP MARKS IN HISTORY?

The majority of Canada's provinces and territories have been assigned high marks on a new report card on history education. Historica Canada looked at social studies and history curricula from grades 7 through 12 across the country. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



THE METHOD

Evaluations were conducted for three main factors: curriculum content; development of critical and creative thinking skills; and the amount of mandatory Canadian history content at junior, intermediate and senior levels. The report card noted that curricula changes in recent years "have demonstrated the need to better incorporate diverse perspectives," such as those focused on indigenous peoples, gender and women's history and multiculturalism. It also outlines recommendations for further improvements, such as mandating at least one Canadian history credit as a high school graduation requirement, and establishing a clear balance between national and provincial/regional history.

OVERVIEW OF FINAL GRADES

A-	Ontario, 82%; British Columbia, 81%; Quebec, 80%; Manitoba, 80%, Yukon, 81%
B	Newfoundland and Labrador, 75% (anglophone)
B-	Nova Scotia, 73%; New Brunswick, 71%; Prince Edward Island, 71% (all anglophone); Northwest Territories, 72%; Nunavut, 72%
C+	Saskatchewan, 69%
C-	Alberta, 62%

HEALTH BRIEFS

CAMH controversy

A group of international clinicians and researchers has sent a letter to Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health protesting the closure of its youth gender

identity clinic and the apparent dismissal of its long-time director. The letter includes a petition signed by more than 500 experts in the field of sexuality and gender diversity. Authors accuse the

centre of bowing to pressure from transgender activists, who questioned psychologist Ken Zucker's treatment for children and teens who were at odds with their anatomical gender. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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IN BRIEF

Foreurs 'keeper stands up to Mooseheads attack

The Halifax Mooseheads peppered the Val-d'Or Foreurs net with shots Friday night, but still came out on the losing side in QMJHL action.

Goaltender Dereck Baribeau made 42 saves to lead the Foreurs to a 4-3 win. Julien Gauthier, François Beauchemin, Anthony Richard and Nicolas Aubé-Kubel scored for Val-d'Or. Barrett Dachyshyn scored short-handed, while Arnaud Durand and Anthony Sorrentino notched goals on the power play for Halifax. Mooseheads netminder Kevin Resop made 32 saves.

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Hurricanes hang onto top spot in Atlantic division

The Halifax Hurricanes continue to take the NBL Canada by storm.

The Canes topped the Island Storm 94-85 on Saturday at the Eastlink Centre in Charlottetown, increasing their record to 9-3 and keeping them atop the Atlantic Division.

Forward Mike Glover, named the league's co-player of the week Sunday, led Halifax with 23 points and 14 rebounds.

Guards Shane Gibson and Justin Johnson both put up 13 points, while fan favourite Cliff Clinkscale added 10 points.

METRO

Talent overshadows low ticket sales in Halifax

FIGURE SKATING

Skate Canada CEO says athletic quality is increasing



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Despite smaller crowds than usual at this year's national championships, Skate Canada CEO Dan Thompson said he's "pleased" with how the event turned out in Halifax.

Upwards of 60 per cent of the 5,000 seats for Saturday night's free programs were full, Thompson said.

"It's a little under previous years," Thompson said following Sunday's exhibition gala, which concluded the week-long event that kicked off last Monday with novice and junior programs.

"We thought we'd do a little better, but overall, we're pleased," he said.

For Thompson, one of this year's highlights was the senior women's event, which saw Alaine



Eight-time Canadian champion Patrick Chan performs Sunday at the exhibition gala to close the Canadian championships at Scotiabank Centre in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Chartrand of Ontario crowned Canadian champion, Gabrielle Daleman of Ontario snag second and Atlantic Canadian Kaetlyn

Osmond of Newfoundland finish third.

"That was the cleanest and best top three that we've ever had in Canadian women's skating," he said of the competition which saw Stephanie Walmsley of Cole Harbour finish 15th.

"It was really exciting to see those skaters perform so well."

That's an example of just how deep the talent pool has become

in Canadian skating, "in all disciplines," Thompson said.

"Patrick is clearly back," he added, referring to the eighth national title won by Patrick Chan of Ontario, who overcame glute and knee injuries to compete.

"We saw a number of world class performances," Thompson said. "We're really excited about the increasing quality of our events."

THE WINNERS

Chan Canada's best again

It took Patrick Chan all of four minutes and 40 seconds to remind Canada just what it's been missing in men's figure skating.

The 25-year-old from Toronto, who walked away from competition after the Sochi Olympics, roared to his eighth Canadian title Saturday night.

As if he'd never left.

"I feel happy, it's been a great week, such a good learning week, it's what I needed going forward for the rest of the season," Chan said.

He's only the third person in Canadian history to win eight titles.

Liam Firus of North Vancouver, B.C., won the silver and Kevin Reynolds of Coquitlam, B.C., won bronze.

Alaine Chartrand captured her first Canadian women's crown.

Reigning world champions Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford won their fifth Canadian pairs title, and Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje won their second consecutive ice dance title.

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The volunteers were wonderful and the community was very engaging, very accommodating. The skaters felt very welcome.

Skate Canada CEO Dan Thompson

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Peyton gets back at Brady

No, you're not seeing things.

That really was Peyton Manning lumbering his way down the field for a 12-yard gain and a first down Sunday. And thanks to his defence, that will be Manning — the 39-year-old quarterback who was supposed to be on his way to a retirement party — and the Denver Broncos, not Tom Brady and the champion New England Patriots, playing in the Super Bowl two weeks from now.

Ol' No. 18 engineered Denver's 20-18 victory, not settled until Broncos cornerback Bradley Roby picked off Brady's pass on

AFC championship



a two-point attempt that would have tied it with 12 seconds left.

Brady hit a double-covered Rob Gronkowski in the back of the end zone on fourth down to

set up the potential tie. The Patriots had to go for two because Stephen Gostkowski missed an first extra point in the first quarter, his first miss in 524 tries.

Aqib Talib stepped in front of Brady's pass and deflected it skyward.

Roby, who forced the game-changing fumble in last week's win over Pittsburgh made the pick. The Broncos recovered the onside kick and the celebration began. Manning is now 6-11 in his vaunted series against Brady, but 3-1 with the AFC title on the line. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Newton's Panthers top Cards for Super Bowl ticket

Cam Newton threw for two touchdowns and ran for two others, and Carolina's big-play defence stifled Arizona's top-ranked offence in a 49-15 romp Sunday for the NFC championship. The NFL's new top man at quarterback — Newton is an All-Pro this season — will lead the

Panthers against five-time MVP Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl in two weeks. It will be the first Super Bowl trip to the big game for the Panthers (17-1), who

lost to New England 12 years ago. Denver, of course, has made a habit of going to Super Bowls, reaching it for a record-tying eighth time.

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Tom Brady and Peyton Manning played what might have been their last game against each other on Sunday in Denver. GETTY IMAGES

RECIPE Shrimp & Orzo Skillet Dinner



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Start your week with this elegant yet easy one-pot wonder. Both orzo and shrimp cook quickly, making them a perfect combo for weeknight meals.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 14 oz can of diced tomatoes
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup orzo
- 1 lb cleaned and de-veined shrimp

- Big handful of fresh basil, sliced
- 1/2 cup feta, crumbled

Directions

1. In a large skillet, sauté onion and garlic in oil over medium heat until they smell great and soften up. Add the oregano and cook for another minute.
2. Pour in stock, vinegar and tomatoes and taste for seasoning. Add salt and pepper.
3. Now add the orzo and allow everything to simmer for 15 minutes.
4. Add your shrimp and cook for another 3 to 5 minutes, or until the shrimp turn pink and opaque.
5. Sprinkle basil and feta over top and serve.

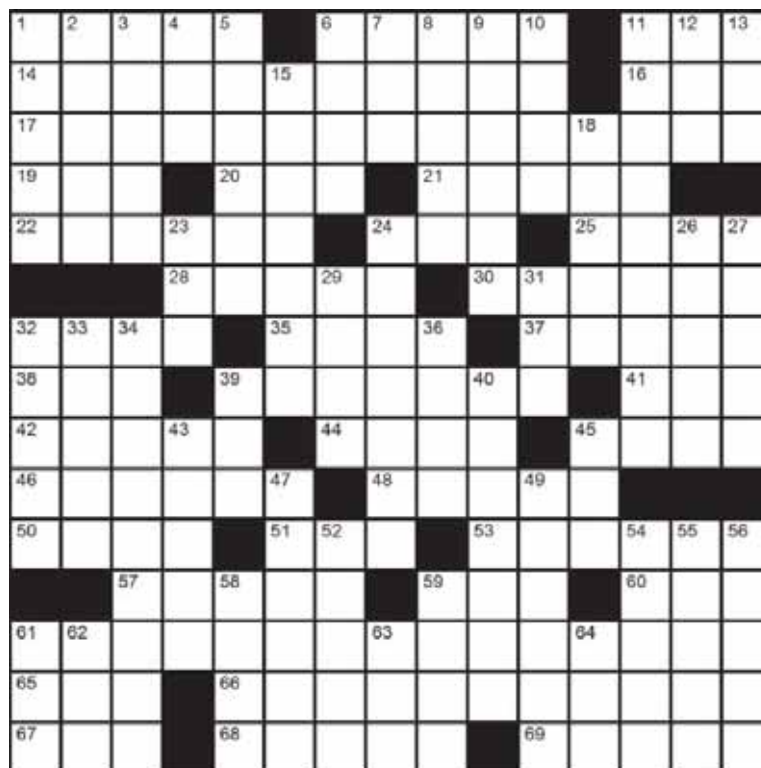
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Country singer K.T.
6. Raised flatlands
11. Beaver's construction
14. Sir Ian Fleming, for one: 2 wds.
16. Wood sorrel
17. Fictional rural setting of "Hee Haw" (Trivial! The long-running variety show was created by two Canadians, Frank Pepiatt and John Aylesworth): 2 wds.
19. 'Hect' add-on
20. Anonym-ous [abbr.]
21. Acidic, such as a swimming pool's water quality = _ _ _
22. Stand firm
24. Game: French
25. Prefix to 'legal'
28. Hanson member
30. Actress Charlize
32. 17th Greek letters
35. Swallow
37. _ _ _ the side of caution
38. _ de Cologne
39. Canadian singer/actress Ms. Cox
41. 'Verb' suffix
42. "The Jetsons" pet
44. Decorative pin holder
45. Otolaryngologists, commonly
46. "Flashdance" (1983) song
48. Rope fibres



50. Close-fitting
51. Li'l reply
53. Really busy
57. Battle royal
59. Lubricate
60. Prefix meaning 'Ear'
61. Books business: 2 wds.
65. Pres. Eisen-

- hower
66. Charlie _ (Radio newscaster on the show at #17-Across)
67. Ireland airline, with Lingus
68. Architectural framework
69. Demeanors

DOWN

1. Mr. Schindler (Liam Neeson role in 1993)
2. Fern 'seed'
3. Ancient harps
4. Hostel
5. Without fanfare or difficulty: 2 wds.
6. Biblical heirs,

- with The
7. Kay's follower
8. Sashay
9. Invite to a movie and dinner: 2 wds.
10. Place into storage
11. Canadian entertainer who created/played the iconic character at

- #66-Across: 2 wds.
12. Do stage work
13. Might
15. Wine's year
18. Ontario attraction, _ Canada Village
23. ' _ ' for Iberville
24. Reusable blue kitchen wipes in a hexagon box: letter + wd.
26. Hen's home
27. Author Ms. Rice's
29. Dawn: French
31. Schemer's chuckle, when repeated
32. Paper quantities
33. _ _ _ effect on
34. Be larger in quantity
36. "Charmed" sister
39. _ _ 180
40. Reach for the stars: 2 wds.
43. Orion's brightest star
45. Keyboard key
47. Conqueror of Gaul
49. "The Taking of _ 12 3" (2009)
52. Beatles jacket style
54. Put _ _ (Get working)
55. "Your show's starting!": 2 wds.
56. Movie-makers
- Joel and Ethan
58. Elevator, in England
59. Burden
61. Ms. Zadora
62. Arthur Godfrey's instrument, for short
63. Smartness figs.
64. "Either he goes _ _ go!"

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You want to get away from your usual environment and explore places you haven't been in a while. But make sure your wanderings are done with by midweek as journeys may be unpredictable later on.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
It is possible that you will come into money. However, it is also possible that you will waste money on things you don't need. Maybe you'll do both and end up with the same amount!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
An affair of the heart will go extremely well. On the work front, however, be wary of someone who approaches you with a proposition that sounds too good to be true.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try not to lose sight of the big picture. Step back from what you are doing and make sure you don't drift off course. Also, don't let anyone undermine your confidence.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
What comes easy to you over the next few days won't come so easy later on, so make an effort to get the tough stuff out of the way. If a project of some kind no longer inspires you, end it and move on.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will have to make a tough choice between your family and your career. But it does not have to be one thing or the other — there are always ways to balance competing needs.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Over the next few days you will get a more balanced view of what is taking place in the world. If an authority figure tells you that certain opinions are not allowed, tell them to get lost. Think and speak as you please.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Some sort of material gain is likely but don't take your good fortune for granted. Remember that you always get more from what you own and earn if you don't grasp it too tightly.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
So many things will go right for you that you may find it hard to believe your luck. What's the catch? There isn't one, so stop worrying and start doing things you really enjoy.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make an effort but make sure that what you do is primarily for yourself. Because you're so reliable employers may try to shift some of their workload to you. Don't let them!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will be immensely popular — everyone wants to get close to you. Having said which, watch what you say and do when people in positions of authority are around — they could easily turn against you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
People you deal with in a creative capacity will be hugely impressed by your ideas and your willingness to work with others. Just make sure you get full credit for your input.

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